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1. The Ceramic Vork Znaim [redacted] during 1943-1944, was located on the edge of the city limits, approximately two and one-half miles NNE from the center of town. Znaim, (or Znojmo), was at that time a city of approximately 35 thousand people.
2. The factory itself took up approximately four square city blocks; the buildings were of steel and concrete, and very sturdy. Although the factory was not running to capacity at the time of my employment, approximately 15 hundred people were at work in its various department. The property was divided by a single-track railroad spur that connected with the Prague-Vienna line, over which we shipped approximately three carloads of finished goods a day.
3. Building "A" on the attached diagram, housed approximately three hundred tons of raw materials, consisting primarily of coal and clay.
4. Building "B" on the diagram was where the clay mixing took place. From there it was transferred by overhead conveyors to the top floors of the three, three-story buildings, shown as C-1, C-2, and C-3 on the diagram. These buildings were about 250 feet long and 80 feet wide.
5. On the top floors of these three buildings, the molding and shaping took place. On the second floors, the glazing was done. On the ground floor the ovens were located, consisting of one large and two small ovens in each building. These ovens were filled three times a day with merchandise ranging from large sinks and bowls to utensils and figurines.
6. Building "D" on the diagram was used to store finished products, and had a storage capacity of two hundred tons [redacted]

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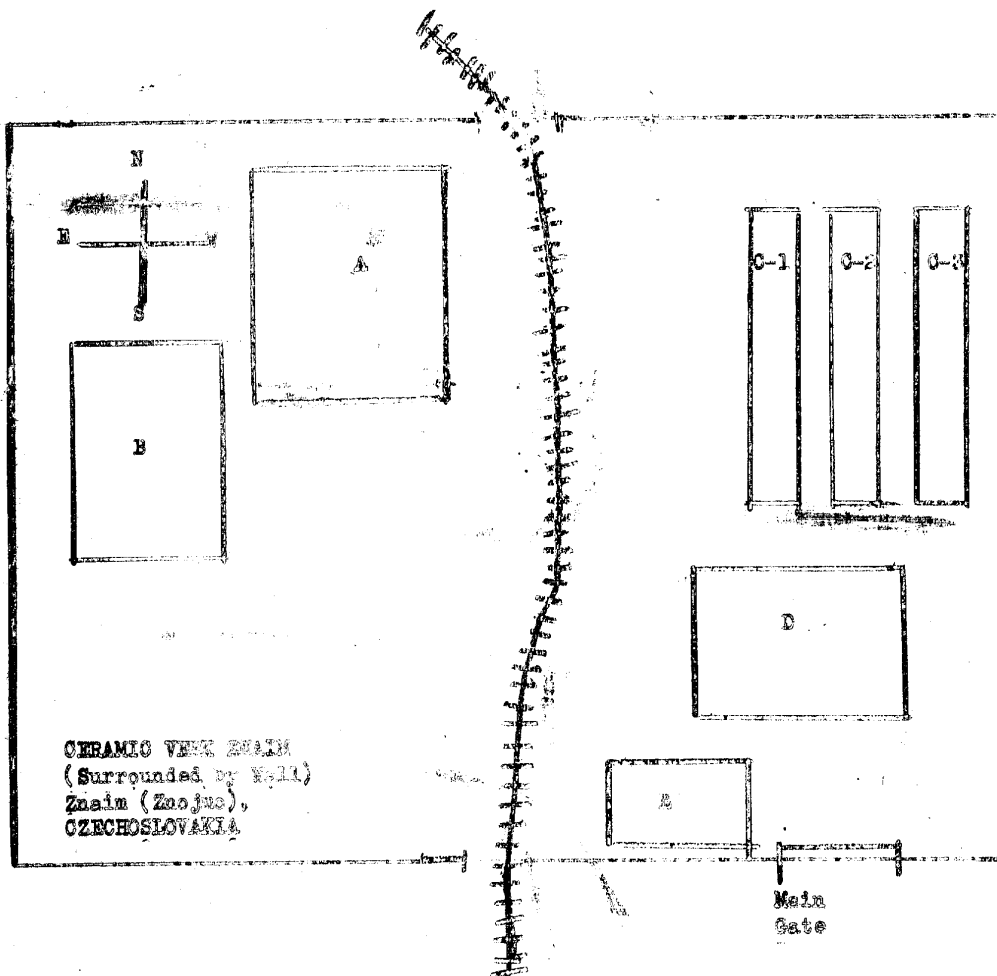
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7. Building "E" was used to house latrines.
8. All buildings were well-maintained, in good repair and the equipment was in equally good condition. [redacted] the factory had many years of productive life left to it.

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